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MEETING MINUTES:	<b>BOARD OF CHARITABLE GAMING</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware <b>Conference Room B</b> , second floor of the Cannon Building
APPROVED:	<b>September 23, 2015</b>

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Janet Williams-Coger, Non-Profit Member, Chair  
Francis Gant, Delaware Firefighters Association Member  
Richard MacDonald, State Lottery Office Member  
Jay Mervine, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Scott Angelucci, Public Member, Vice-Chair

**DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Kevin Maloney, Deputy Attorney General  
Amanda McAtee, Administrative Specialist II  
Ted Kimmey, Gaming Inspector  
Jean Betley, License Investigator III

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Debra Messina, Dover Elks

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Williams-Coger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

July 22, 2015

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of July 22, 2015. Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Discussion on Clarifying Rules and Regulations Regarding Instant Bingo and Bingo**

Ms. Betley and Mr. Kimmey presented the Board with a draft of proposed changes to the “cookie-jar” bingo section of the Board’s rules and regulations. Ms. McAtee stated that she could include their proposed changes into her working draft of the Board’s rules and regulations changes. Ms. McAtee stated that she would bring a new draft to the next meeting for Board review and discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review of Application(s) for Raffle(s)**

Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary

Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation

United Way of Delaware

Warrior Weekend Corporation

Delaware Technical and Community College

Salesianum School Inc.

The Board reviewed the raffle applications submitted. After review and discussion, Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mervine, to approve the raffle applications of Cheswold Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Fresh Start Scholarship Foundation, United Way of Delaware, Warrior Weekend Corporation, Delaware Technical and Community College, and Salesianum School Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ratification of Charitable Gaming Event Permits Issued**

Knights of Columbus Seton Council 7990 (onsite) 09/04/15, 10/02/15, 11/06/15

Delaware Technical and Community College (onsite) 02/20/16

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gant, to ratify the charitable gaming event permits issued. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ratification of Bingo Event Permits Issued**

Corpus Christi Church 07/29/15

Indian River Volunteer Fire Co. 07/29/15

Oak Orchard Riverdale American Legion 07/31/15

Walter L. Fox American Legion Post 2 08/07/15

Bowers Fire Co. 08/12/15

Lewes Senior Center 08/12/15

Indian River Senior Center 08/17/15

Howard J. Weston Community and Senior Center 08/19/15

Frederica Volunteer Fire Co. 08/19/15

Cape Henlopen Senior Center 08/19/15

Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorder Assoc. 08/19/15

Lakeside Community Homeowners Assoc. 08/24/15

Mr. MacDonald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gant, to ratify the bingo event permits issued. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Review of Request to Change Approved Event**

None

### **Ratification of Request to Change Approved Event**

None

### **Hearings/Consent Agreements**

None

### **Complaint Assignments and Updates**

None

### **Inspection Reports**

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Newark Elks Lodge 2281

Ms. Williams-Coger stated that the Board had recently received inspection reports from Holy Rosary Catholic Church and Newark Elks Lodge 2281. Mr. Kimmey stated that one organization violated the cookie jar definition that was in the Board's Rules and Regulations. Mr. Kimmey stated that the regulation revisions were important to make so that there was clarity.

### **Responses to Inspection Letters of Concern/Warning**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Larry Weinstein from Atlantic Bingo Supply was present at the meeting. He stated that he had spoken with the gaming inspectors and wanted to explain to the Board what was currently used in the bingo industry. Mr. Weinstein stated that bingo and charitable fundraising had evolved in the past thirty years. Mr. Weinstein explained that new products would enter the market and problems would surface when it was discovered that a game did not fit with a board definition or bingo regulation. Mr. Weinstein gave the board an overview of the current games that were marketed by his company.

Mr. Weinstein demonstrated a game that was a hybrid type game that was part Instant Bingo and part regular Bingo. The game had cards that were sold and looked like pull tabs (Instant Bingo cards) but was incorporated into the regular bingo event game(s). Mr. Weinstein stated that the ongoing debate with this particular hybrid game in the industry was deciding whether they were counted as a regular bingo event game or a pull tab (Instant Bingo) game.

Ms. Betley stated that the hybrid type of game that Mr. Weinstein demonstrated could not go under an organization's addendum A (prize list) section of their bingo event permit application because the payouts would exceed the allowable prize limits. Also, the hybrid game would violate the current rules and regulations because everyone would not have the same chance of winning and this game would cost extra money to play.

Ms. McAtee stated that the Board was currently revising their rules and regulations to include "pop-open" games but this hybrid game was not included as a "pop-open" game because the "pop-open" games would be included on the organization's addendum A (prize list) of their application. The hybrid games would clearly exceed the event's maximum prize amounts permitted by statute.

Mr. Weinstein had brought some "pop-open" examples with him. His company marketed them as "popp-open" games. Mr. Weinstein stated that a "popp-open game was a whole separate game and in some jurisdictions they were playing it with the regular bingo event games and dabbing the cards separately. It was sometimes referred to as a "quickie" game.

Mr. Kimmey stated that the game "Oz" had been observed in play at permitted Bingo events in the state and the organizations had stated that they were playing the game under their Instant Bingo license. Mr. Kimmey stated that the "Oz" game was a hybrid type game and was sold on "pull tab" tickets and then incorporated into the Bingo event. The organizations that were playing the "Oz" game had not put the game on their addendum A (prize list). The game "Oz" did not fall under the Instant Bingo definition because the prize was not determined on sealed cards that once opened would reveal instantly whether the holder has won a prize. The prizes of the "Oz" game would exceed the bingo event prize limits so it couldn't be included on the addendum A (prize list) therefore the practice of playing the "Oz" game was ended because it did not fit under a category of the Board's permitted charitable gaming activities.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled Board meeting is Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Conference Room B, Dover, Delaware.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Gant made a motion, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A McAtee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Amanda McAtee  
Administrative Specialist II

*The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.*